

A Brief sketch of some
of the members of the
Wells branch of
the Wells Family Tree

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Systematic Work

to build an empire and to hold a
The Oregon country for the
Academy Apr. 1 1847 they left
home and friends and started out in an
untried world they knew not what.

After passing over mountains and hardships
they reached the Oregon country and there met
the first Great Corral and accident. In crossing
the Rogue River they had much trouble and
many of the immigrants got their bedding and
other goods soaking wet. Mrs Wells left
her baby asleep on the wagon while she went
to help the other. The Captain of the wagon train
came along gave orders for wagons to move
forward to give more room. The father
not knowing the child was on the wagon
obeyed orders. The ground very rough the
child was thrown from its sleeping bed the
Wagon ran over her and the life was
crushed out - It was a tragedy.

and excitement ran high
Little Flora was a general favorite with
the whole Co. with her soft curls and keen blue
eyes. ^{carpenter} ~~carpenter~~ in the ^{company} ~~company~~ found from each
material as could be commandeered a casket was
constructed being pinned together with wooden pegs
there being ^{no} steel or wire nails at that time.
After some delay they resumed their journey
and after five days reached Eugene
Where Eugene Skinner then lived and
by his permission they made a last
resting place for Little Flora Wells
some where on Skinner's 13th site
Eugene Oregon. Died Oct. 28 1847
13th Jan Feb 11 - 1848
1847

George Otto Mandler Wells

The eleventh and last child of Ira Wells
and Anna Elizabeth Wells was born on
the old donation land claim July 17th 1843
He was a bright promising blue eyed
boy just past eleven years when he was
over taken by the dreaded disease known
as Diphtheria and died August 26 - 1876
Buried on old home place and so began the
family cemetery on said place Elkston
Cere.

Louisa Matilda Wells the 8th
child of Ira Wells and Anna Elizabeth
Wells was born on the old donation
land claim in a log house in the year
1858 Oct. 28. and there grew to woman
hood - She went to school in Oakland
taking a teachers course and fitted
herself for teaching, but her health failed
and she gave up teaching was an invalid
for two years and died Aug. 4 - 1882
was buried in family cemetery after
spending nearly two years in California
in company with sister Flora and bro Frank
Louisa was a lovely character. Living always
for others first.

May J. Wells the 10th child
of Ira Wells and Anna Ely abeth Wells
was born in 1863
in the first frame house builded in this
section of county in the year 1859
up until that time all were log houses
One or two years before a framed barn
had been erected at Spores and Robensa.
Noted carpenters of their day.
House was built by Mr. Erisley of
Tn Rt. May was born Aug. 4, 1863
Went to school in the first of frame
school house builded in 1874 by
Francis Coley Wells of Neb., a two story
building. Masonic hall on corner of the upper
floor. William Wells the first teacher.
Finished school in Drain Academy.
Prepared for teaching but owing to illness
in family never taught and never married
choosing rather to live a life of devoted
service to aged Parents and other members of
the family who need help

Susannah Wells 3rd
daughter of Ira Wells and Anna
Elizabeth Wells was born at the
home of Levi Scott, Yoncalla Cal. near
known as Scotts Valley. On Oct
13th 1857 came to Elston with
Parents April 1861. When she grew up.
She was married to Samuel B Carr.
Dec. 25 1866 and went to Scotts
Valley to live. A son Polycarr
was born to her Oct. 28 1867
and a daughter Alice Carr. May 11
1869. She was stricken with
Scarlet-fever and died Aug. 23. 1871
losing another infant son at the
same time. Was buried in Yoncalla
Cemetery Samuel Carr later married Emma
(Owan) and died somewhere around 1908
buried at Yoncalla.

Flora Wells The 7th in line of
children of Ira Wells & Anna Ely obit
Wells was born Nov, 1st-1865
in a log house the farm home of uncle
Asaph ^(asaph) ~~Unnt~~ O lora Wells where
several families had taken refuge and
were fortified up for protection against
enraged Indians who were on the
war path at that time, who were
dressed in war paints, holding war dances
and letting out blood curing war whoops
and parading to and fro. ~~Standing~~ Times
men stood on guard with loaded muskets
But there was no real outbreak a peace
treaty was made and all disbanded
Flora was a pretty blue eyed ^{fairly} red haired
baby in her young life always wore her hair
in curls. Highly nervous temperament but
generous and ~~unselfish~~ ^{unselfish} to a fault-

Recd. her education in the schools
of Douglas Co. After attending school in
Oakland under Prof Watson
She taught a term of school and
then entered the Wynona Academy
at Walburton. From which school
she went out as a teacher in 1876
and was 12 years a teacher in the schools
of Doug. County.
She was especially adapted to teaching
being able to impart to others what she
knew and saw for her self. fond of children
Very literary minded - read much and
enjoyed the better things of life admired
such authors as Shakespeare - Longfellow
Whittier - Robert Burns and others
Flora never married. Gave her life a
service to others until her health
broke. In 1895 She took from the
Orphans Home in Portland a little girl

Named Ruth Ely Abbott Nelson
as a means to carry out her life work.
Always the desire to leave some one,
She did not adopt the child but
she just automatically became a member
of the home and family and as such
shared all the family joys and
until she was of age and the world
called her. - She was married in 1907
and raised 3 fine boys, who are now
in 1942 all in the service for the
Country in which we live,
Elbert Purcell the eldest son went
through the perils of Corrigador in
a Sub Marine and came out unhurt.
Ruth first married H. A. or Bert Purcell
The father of her children
Married David Blanton and later
~~Ruth's~~ present name.

After a lingering illness of 2 years
Fena died Dec. 26 - 1962
She was a long time member of
the Methodist church
Rev. J. L. Stratford conducted her
coronation service in the Methodist
and she was buried in the
church cemetery on the old farm.
family

Left the dear old frame home
March 1899 to live in the town
of Elkton Ore. - The farm being
but 4 miles South on Umpqua River

Comment - Greater love hath no
man than he lay down his life for
his friends.

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Supplementary Work

Reflections

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This is the first time *A Brief Sketch of the Ira Wells Family* has been scanned, transcribed, and made publicly available. It has remained in private family holdings for decades and was not previously circulated or archived. The document appears to be a handwritten account—possibly intended as a supplement to a larger genealogy—covering biographical details of multiple family members. While some information may overlap with known records, much of the narrative provides unique details and personal observations not recorded elsewhere. This makes it a significant primary source for Wells family history and related research.